

House Amendment to
Senate File 348

S-5111

1 Amend Senate File 348, as amended, passed, and reprinted by
2 the Senate, as follows:

3 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause and
4 inserting:

5 <DIVISION I

6 MINOR GUARDIANSHIPS

7 Section 1. Section 232.3, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 1. During the pendency of an action under **this chapter**, a
10 party to the action is estopped from litigating concurrently
11 the custody, guardianship, or placement of a child who is the
12 subject of the action, in a court other than the juvenile court
13 with jurisdiction of the pending action under this chapter. A
14 district judge, district associate judge, juvenile court judge,
15 magistrate, or judicial hospitalization referee, upon notice
16 of the pendency of an action under **this chapter**, shall not
17 issue an order, finding, or decision relating to the custody,
18 guardianship, or placement of the child who is the subject of
19 the action, under any law, including but not limited to chapter
20 232D, 598, or 598B, or 633.

21 Sec. 2. Section 232.3, Code 2022, is amended by adding the
22 following new subsection:

23 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. An action which is pending under chapter
24 232D prior to an action being brought under this chapter shall
25 be stayed by the court in the chapter 232D action unless the
26 court follows the procedures in subsection 2 and authorizes a
27 party to the action to litigate a specific issue under this
28 chapter.

29 Sec. 3. Section 232D.103, Code 2022, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 **232D.103 Jurisdiction.**

32 The juvenile court has exclusive jurisdiction in a
33 guardianship proceeding concerning a minor who is alleged to be
34 in need of a guardianship and guardianships of minors.

35 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **232D.107 Confidentiality.**

1 Official juvenile court records in guardianship proceedings
2 shall be confidential and are not public records. Confidential
3 records may be inspected and their contents shall be disclosed
4 to the following without court order, provided that a person
5 or entity who inspects or receives a confidential record under
6 this section shall not disclose the confidential record or its
7 contents unless required by law:

8 1. The judge and professional court staff.

9 2. The minor and the minor's counsel.

10 3. The minor's parent, guardian or custodian, court
11 visitor, and any counsel representing such person.

12 Sec. 5. Section 232D.301, subsection 2, paragraph d,
13 subparagraph (3), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

14 (3) Any adult who has had the primary care of the minor or
15 with whom the minor has lived for ~~at least~~ any time during the
16 six months prior to immediately preceding the filing of the
17 petition.

18 Sec. 6. Section 232D.301, subsection 4, Code 2022, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 4. The petition shall state whether a limited guardianship
21 is appropriate, and whether a conservatorship for the minor is
22 already in existence.

23 Sec. 7. Section 232D.302, subsection 2, Code 2022, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 2. Notice shall be served upon the minor's known parents
26 listed in the petition in accordance with the rules of civil
27 procedure. If the parent has not filed a consent to the
28 appointment of a guardian, the notice shall inform any parent
29 named in the petition that the parent may be entitled to
30 representation under the conditions described in section
31 232D.304.

32 Sec. 8. Section 232D.305, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
33 amended to read as follows:

34 1. The court may appoint a court visitor for the minor. A
35 person is qualified to serve as a court visitor if the court

1 determines the person has demonstrated sufficient knowledge of
2 guardianships to adequately perform the duties in subsection 3.

3 Sec. 9. Section 232D.305, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
4 2022, is amended to read as follows:

5 b. Explaining to the minor, if the minor's age is
6 appropriate, the substance of the petition, the purpose and
7 effect of the guardianship proceeding, ~~the rights of the~~
8 ~~minor at the hearing,~~ and the general powers and duties of a
9 guardian.

10 Sec. 10. Section 232D.305, Code 2022, is amended by adding
11 the following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The court may order a court visitor to
13 continue to serve if the court determines continued service
14 would be in the best interest of the minor. If the court
15 continues the services of the court visitor, the court may
16 limit the direct duties of the court visitor as the court deems
17 necessary in which case the court visitor shall thereafter
18 continue to serve until discharged by the court. If the
19 court does not order the court visitor to continue, the order
20 appointing the guardian shall discharge the court visitor.

21 Sec. 11. Section 232D.306, Code 2022, is amended by adding
22 the following new subsection:

23 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. A hearing on the petition may be
24 recorded if a court reporter is not used.

25 Sec. 12. Section 232D.307, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 1. The court shall request criminal record checks and checks
28 of the child abuse, dependent adult abuse, and sex offender
29 registries in this state for all proposed guardians other than
30 financial institutions with Iowa trust powers unless a proposed
31 guardian has undergone the required background checks in this
32 section within the ~~twelve~~ six months prior to the filing of
33 a petition and the background check has been provided to the
34 court.

35 Sec. 13. Section 232D.401, subsection 1, Code 2022, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 1. The order by the court appointing a guardian for a minor
3 shall state the basis for the order and the date on which the
4 first reporting period for the guardianship will end.

5 Sec. 14. Section 232D.401, subsection 3, unnumbered
6 paragraph 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

7 An order by the court appointing a guardian for a minor shall
8 state the powers granted to the guardian until such time as the
9 guardian files an initial care plan and such plan is approved
10 by the court as required by section 232D.501, subsection 4.

11 Except as otherwise limited by ~~court~~ an order appointing a
12 guardian for a minor, the court may grant the guardian the
13 following powers, ~~which may be exercised without prior court~~
14 ~~approval~~:

15 Sec. 15. Section 232D.501, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
16 2022, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

17 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (2A) The guardian's plan, if any, for
18 applying for and receiving funds and benefits payable for the
19 support of the minor.

20 Sec. 16. Section 232D.501, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
21 2022, is amended by adding the following new subparagraphs:

22 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (11) The results of the guardian's
23 efforts to apply for funds or benefits for the minor, and
24 an accounting for the use of such funds or benefits by the
25 guardian.

26 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (12) Any other information the guardian
27 deems necessary for the court to consider.

28 Sec. 17. Section 232D.501, Code 2022, is amended by adding
29 the following new subsections:

30 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The guardian shall provide a copy of the
31 verified initial care plan and verified annual report required
32 by this section to the protected person, the protected person's
33 attorney, if any, and court visitor, if any.

34 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. The court, for good cause, may extend
35 the deadline for filing required reports. Required reports of

1 a guardian which are not timely filed and which are delinquent,
2 and for which no extension for filing has been granted by the
3 court, shall be administered in the same manner as provided in
4 section 633.32.

5 DIVISION II

6 ADULT GUARDIANSHIPS AND MINOR AND ADULT CONSERVATORSHIPS

7 Sec. 18. Section 235B.6, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
8 2022, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
9 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (7) To a district court conducting
10 checks of the dependent adult abuse registry for all proposed
11 guardians and conservators pursuant to section 633.564.

12 Sec. 19. Section 633.556, subsections 4, 5, and 8, Code
13 2022, are amended to read as follows:

14 4. The petition shall list the name and address of the
15 ~~petitioner and the petitioner's relationship to the respondent~~
16 following:

17 a. The respondent.

18 b. The petitioner and the petitioner's relationship to the
19 respondent.

20 c. The proposed guardian or conservator and the reason the
21 proposed guardian or conservator should be selected.

22 5. The petition shall list the name and address, to the
23 extent known, of the following:

24 ~~a. The name and address of the proposed guardian and the~~
25 ~~reason the proposed guardian should be selected.~~

26 ~~b.~~ a. Any spouse of the respondent.

27 ~~c.~~ b. Any adult children of the respondent.

28 ~~d.~~ c. Any parents of the respondent.

29 ~~e.~~ d. Any adult, who has had the primary care of the
30 respondent or with whom the respondent has lived for at least
31 any time during the six months prior to immediately preceding
32 the filing of the petition, or any institution or facility
33 where the respondent has resided for at least six months prior
34 to any time during the six months immediately preceding the
35 filing of the petition.

1 ~~f.~~ e. Any legal representative or representative payee of
2 the respondent.

3 ~~g.~~ f. Any person designated as an attorney in fact in a
4 durable power of attorney for health care which is valid under
5 chapter 144B, or any person designated as an agent in a durable
6 power of attorney which is valid under [chapter 633B](#).

7 8. The petition shall provide a brief description of
8 the respondent's alleged functional limitations that make
9 the respondent unable to communicate or carry out important
10 decisions concerning the respondent's financial affairs if
11 the petition is for appointment of a conservator for an adult
12 respondent, or unable to care for the respondent's safety or
13 provide for necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, or
14 medical care without which physical injury or illness may occur
15 if the petition requests the appointment of a guardian.

16 Sec. 20. Section 633.560, subsection 3, Code 2022, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 3. The court shall require the proposed guardian or
19 conservator to attend the hearing on the petition but the court
20 may excuse the proposed guardian's or conservator's attendance
21 for good cause shown.

22 Sec. 21. Section 633.561, subsection 6, Code 2022, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 6. If the court determines that it would be in the
25 respondent's best interest to have legal representation
26 with respect to any further proceedings in a guardianship
27 or conservatorship, the court may appoint an attorney to
28 represent the respondent at the expense of the respondent or
29 the respondent's estate, or if the respondent is indigent the
30 cost of the court appointed attorney shall be assessed against
31 the county in which the proceedings are pending.

32 Sec. 22. Section 633.562, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
33 amended to read as follows:

34 1. If the court determines that the appointment of a court
35 visitor would be in the best interest of the respondent, the

1 court shall appoint a court visitor at the expense of the
2 respondent or the respondent's estate, or, if the respondent
3 is indigent, the cost of the court visitor shall be assessed
4 against the county in which the proceedings are pending. The
5 court may appoint any qualified person as a court visitor in
6 a guardianship or conservatorship proceeding. A person is
7 qualified to serve in this capacity if the court determines the
8 person has demonstrated sufficient knowledge of guardianships
9 or conservatorships to adequately perform the duties in
10 subsection 3.

11 Sec. 23. Section 633.562, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
12 2022, is amended to read as follows:

13 b. Explaining to the respondent the substance of the
14 petition, the purpose and effect of the guardianship or
15 conservatorship proceeding, ~~the rights of the respondent at~~
16 ~~the hearing,~~ and the general powers and duties of a guardian
17 or conservator.

18 Sec. 24. Section 633.562, Code 2022, is amended by adding
19 the following new subsection:

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 7. A court visitor shall be discharged
21 from all further duties upon appointment of a guardian or
22 conservator, unless otherwise ordered by the court. The court
23 may order a court visitor to continue to serve if the court
24 determines continued service would be in the best interest of
25 the protected person. If the court continues the service of
26 the court visitor, the court may limit the direct duties of the
27 court visitor as the court deems necessary. The court visitor
28 shall thereafter continue to serve until discharged by the
29 court.

30 Sec. 25. Section 633.563, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
31 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

32 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. The petition is for opening a
33 conservatorship for a minor.

34 Sec. 26. Section 633.564, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
35 amended to read as follows:

1 1. The court shall request criminal record checks and
2 checks of the child abuse, dependent adult abuse, and sexual
3 offender registries in this state for all proposed guardians
4 and conservators, other than financial institutions with Iowa
5 trust powers, unless a proposed guardian or conservator has
6 undergone the required background checks required by this
7 section within the six months prior to the filing of a petition
8 and the background check has been provided to the court.

9 Sec. 27. Section 633.569, Code 2022, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 **633.569 Emergency appointment of temporary guardian or**
12 **conservator.**

13 1. A person authorized to file a petition under section
14 ~~633.552, 633.553, or 633.554~~ 633.556 or 633.557 may file an
15 application for the emergency appointment of a temporary
16 guardian or conservator.

17 2. Such application shall state all of the following:

18 a. The name and address of the respondent.

19 Ob. The name and address of the petitioner and the
20 petitioner's relationship to the respondent.

21 b. The name and address of the proposed guardian or
22 conservator and the reason the proposed guardian or conservator
23 should be selected.

24 Oc. The names and addresses, to the extent known, of any
25 other persons who must be named in the petition for appointment
26 of a guardian or conservator under section 633.556 or 633.557.

27 c. The reason the emergency appointment of a temporary
28 guardian or conservator is sought.

29 3. The court may enter an ex parte order appointing a
30 temporary guardian or conservator on an emergency basis under
31 this section if the court finds that all of the following
32 conditions are met:

33 a. There is not sufficient time to file a petition
34 and hold a hearing pursuant to section ~~633.552, 633.553,~~
35 ~~or 633.554~~ 633.556, 633.557, or 633.560.

1 *b.* The appointment of a temporary guardian or conservator
2 is necessary to avoid immediate or irreparable harm to the
3 respondent before a hearing with notice to the respondent can
4 be held.

5 *c.* There is reason to believe that the basis for appointment
6 of guardian or conservator exists under section ~~633.552,~~
7 ~~633.553,~~ or ~~633.554~~ 633.556 or 633.557.

8 4. Notice of a petition for the appointment of a temporary
9 guardian or conservator and the issuance of an ex parte
10 order appointing a temporary guardian or conservator shall be
11 provided to the respondent, the respondent's attorney, and any
12 other person the court determines should receive notice.

13 5. Upon the issuance of an ex parte order, if the respondent
14 is an adult, the respondent may file a request for a hearing.
15 If the respondent is a minor, the respondent, a parent having
16 legal custody of the respondent, or any other person having
17 legal custody of the respondent may file a written request for
18 a hearing. Such hearing shall be held no later than seven days
19 after the filing of a written request.

20 6. The powers of the temporary guardian or conservator
21 set forth in the order of the court shall be limited to those
22 necessary to address the emergency situation requiring the
23 appointment of a temporary guardian or conservator.

24 7. The temporary guardianship or conservatorship shall
25 terminate within thirty days after the order is issued.

26 8. The court may order an extension of the temporary
27 guardianship or conservatorship for good cause shown. Prior
28 to or contemporaneously with the filing for an application for
29 the extension of time, the guardian or conservator shall file a
30 report with the court setting forth all of the following:

31 *a.* All actions conducted by the guardian or conservator on
32 behalf of the protected person from the time of the initial
33 appointment of the guardian up to the time of the report.

34 *b.* All actions that the guardian or conservator plans to
35 conduct on behalf of the protected person during the extension

1 period.

2 9. The temporary guardian or conservator shall submit any
3 other report the court requires.

4 Sec. 28. Section 633.570, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2022,
5 are amended to read as follows:

6 1. In a proceeding for the appointment of a guardian, the
7 respondent shall be given written notice which advises the
8 respondent ~~of the powers that the court may grant a guardian~~
9 ~~may exercise without court approval pursuant to the powers set~~
10 ~~out insection 633.635, subsection 2,~~ and the powers that the
11 guardian may exercise only with court approval pursuant to set
12 out insection 633.635, subsection 3.

13 2. In a proceeding for the appointment of a conservator,
14 the respondent shall be given written notice which advises the
15 respondent ~~of the powers that the court may grant a conservator~~
16 ~~may exercise without court approval pursuant to section 633.646~~
17 ~~and the powers that the guardian may exercise only with court~~
18 ~~approval pursuant to section 633.647~~ the powers set out in
19 sections 633.641 and 633.642.

20 Sec. 29. Section 633.635, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 1. The order by the court appointing a guardian shall state
23 the factual basis for the guardianship pursuant to section
24 633.552 and the date on which the first reporting period for
25 the guardianship shall end.

26 Sec. 30. Section 633.635, subsection 2, unnumbered
27 paragraph 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

28 ~~Based upon the evidence produced at the hearing~~ An order by
29 the court appointing a guardian for an adult shall state the
30 powers granted to the guardian until such time as the guardian
31 files an initial care plan and such plan is approved by the
32 court as required by section 633.669. Except as otherwise
33 limited by an order appointing a guardian for an adult, the
34 court may grant a guardian the following powers ~~and duties with~~
35 ~~respect to a protected personwhich may be exercised without~~

1 ~~prior court approval:~~

2 Sec. 31. Section 633.635, subsection 3, unnumbered
3 paragraph 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

4 A Notwithstanding subsection 2, a guardian may be granted
5 the following powers which may only be exercised upon court
6 approval:

7 Sec. 32. Section 633.641, subsection 3, Code 2022, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 3. If the court appoints a conservator for a protected
10 person who has previously executed a valid power of attorney
11 under chapter 633B, the conservator shall act in accordance
12 with the applicable provisions of chapter 633B the power of
13 attorney is suspended unless the power of attorney provides
14 otherwise or unless the court determines the power of attorney
15 should continue. If the power of attorney continues, the agent
16 is accountable to the conservator as well as to the protected
17 person. The power of attorney shall be reinstated upon
18 termination of the conservatorship as a result of the protected
19 person regaining capacity.

20 Sec. 33. Section 633.642, Code 2022, is amended by striking
21 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

22 **633.642 Powers of conservator.**

23 1. An order by the court appointing a conservator shall
24 state the basis for the conservatorship pursuant to section
25 633.553 or section 633.554.

26 2. Upon appointment by the court, and until such time as the
27 conservator files an initial financial management plan and such
28 plan is approved by the court as required by section 633.670,
29 subsection 1, a conservator has the authority to exercise all
30 powers applicable to fiduciaries pursuant to sections 633.63
31 through 633.162, unless expressly modified by the court.

32 3. In the order approving an initial financial management
33 plan or an annual report, the court shall approve and set forth
34 the specific powers of a conservator, which may be thereafter
35 exercised by the conservator until further court order. Except

1 as otherwise ordered by the court, a conservator must give
2 notice to persons entitled to notice and receive specific prior
3 authorization by the court before the conservator may take any
4 other action on behalf of the protected person.

5 4. Upon the filing of an appropriate oath by the
6 conservator, the clerk of court shall issue letters of
7 appointment. A copy of the initial order of the court shall be
8 attached to the letters of appointment.

9 Sec. 34. Section 633.669, Code 2022, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 **633.669 ~~Reporting requirements — assistance~~ Reports by clerk**
12 **guardians.**

13 1. The court shall assign a guardianship created under
14 this chapter, and may reassign as necessary in the court's
15 discretion, to one of following reporting tiers:

16 a. Tier I: A guardian assigned a tier I guardianship shall
17 file with the court a verified annual report which shall not
18 be waived by the court. The annual report shall include all of
19 the following:

20 (1) The current mental and physical condition of the
21 protected person.

22 (2) The present living arrangement of the protected person,
23 including a description of each residence where the protected
24 person has resided during the reporting period.

25 (3) A summary of the medical, educational, vocational and
26 technical, and other professional services provided for the
27 protected person.

28 (4) A description of the guardian's visits with and
29 activities on behalf of the protected person.

30 (5) A recommendation as to the need for continued
31 guardianship.

32 (6) Other information requested by the court or useful in
33 the opinion of the guardian.

34 b. A guardian appointed by the court under this chapter
35 assigned a tier II guardianship shall file with the court the

1 following ~~written~~ verified reports which shall not be waived
2 by the court:

3 ~~a-~~ (1) An initial care plan filed within sixty days of
4 appointment. The information in the initial care plan shall
5 include but not be limited to the following information:

6 ~~(1)~~ (a) The current residence of the protected person
7 and the guardian's plan for the protected person's living
8 arrangements.

9 ~~(2)~~ (b) The guardian's plan for payment of the protected
10 person's living expenses and other expenses.

11 ~~(3)~~ (c) The protected person's health status and health
12 care needs, and the guardian's plan for meeting the protected
13 person's needs for medical, dental, and other health care
14 needs.

15 ~~(3A)~~ (d) Whether the protected person has a living will or
16 health care power of attorney.

17 ~~(4)~~ (e) If applicable, the protected person's need
18 for other professional services for mental, behavioral,
19 or emotional health, and the guardian's plan for other
20 professional services needed by the protected person.

21 ~~(5)~~ (f) If applicable, the protected person's employment
22 status, the protected person's need for educational, training,
23 or vocational services, and the guardian's plan for meeting the
24 educational, training, and vocational needs of the protected
25 person.

26 ~~(6)~~ (g) If applicable, the guardian's plan for facilitating
27 the participation of the protected person in social activities.

28 ~~(7)~~ (h) The guardian's plan for facilitating contacts
29 between the protected person and the protected person's family
30 members and other ~~significant~~ persons significant in the life
31 of the protected person.

32 ~~(8)~~ (i) The guardian's plan for contact with, and
33 activities on behalf of, the protected person.

34 (j) The powers that the guardian requests to carry out the
35 initial care plan.

1 (k) The guardian shall file an amended plan when there
2 has been a significant change in the circumstances or the
3 guardian seeks to deviate significantly from the plan. The
4 guardian must obtain court approval of the amended plan before
5 implementing any of its provisions.

6 ~~b.~~ (2) An annual report, filed within sixty days of the
7 close of the reporting period, ~~unless the court otherwise~~
8 ~~orders on good cause shown.~~ The information in the annual
9 report shall include but not be limited to the following
10 information:

11 ~~(1)~~ (a) The current living arrangements of the protected
12 person.

13 ~~(2)~~ (b) The sources of payment for the protected person's
14 living expenses and other expenses.

15 ~~(3)~~ (c) A description, if applicable, of the following:

16 ~~(a)~~ (i) The protected person's ~~physical and mental health~~
17 status and the ~~medical, dental, and other professional health~~
18 services provided to the protected person.

19 ~~(b)~~ (ii) If applicable, the protected person's employment
20 status and the educational, training, and vocational services
21 provided to the protected person.

22 (iii) The guardian's facilitation of the participation of
23 the protected person in social activities.

24 ~~(c)~~ (iv) The contact of the protected person with family
25 members and other significant persons.

26 ~~(d)~~ (v) The nature and extent of the guardian's visits
27 with, and activities on behalf of, the protected person.

28 ~~(4)~~ (d) The guardian's recommendation as to the need for
29 continuation of the guardianship.

30 ~~(5)~~ (e) The ability of the guardian to continue as
31 guardian.

32 ~~(6)~~ (f) The need of the guardian for assistance in
33 providing or arranging for the provision of the care and
34 protection of the protected person.

35 (g) Any other information the guardian deems necessary for

1 the court to consider.

2 ~~e.~~ 1A. A guardian under a tier I or II guardianship
3 shall file a final report within thirty days of the termination
4 of the guardianship under section 633.675 unless that time is
5 extended by the court.

6 2. The court shall develop a simplified uniform reporting
7 form for use in filing the required reports.

8 3. The clerk of the court shall notify the guardian in
9 writing of the reporting requirements and shall provide
10 information and assistance to the guardian in filing the
11 reports.

12 4. Reports of guardians shall be reviewed and approved by a
13 district court judge or referee.

14 5. The court, for good cause, may extend the deadline for
15 filing required reports. Required reports of a guardian which
16 are not timely filed and which are delinquent, and for which no
17 extension for filing has been granted by the court, shall be
18 administered as provided in section 633.32.

19 6. The guardian shall provide a copy of the reports required
20 by this section to the protected person, the protected person's
21 attorney, if any, and the court visitor, if any.

22 Sec. 35. Section 633.670, Code 2022, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **633.670 Reports by conservators.**

25 1. The court shall assign a conservatorship created under
26 this chapter, and may reassign as necessary in the court's
27 discretion, to one of following reporting tiers:

28 a. Tier I: A conservator assigned a tier I conservatorship
29 shall file with the court a verified annual report which shall
30 not be waived by the court. The annual report shall include
31 all of the following:

32 (1) The balance of funds on hand at the close of the last
33 previous accounting, and all amounts received from any source
34 during the period covered by the accounting.

35 (2) All disbursements made during the period covered by the

1 accounting.

2 (3) Any changes in investments since the last previous
3 report, including a list of all assets, and recommendations
4 of the conservator for the retention or disposition of any
5 property held by the conservator.

6 (4) The amount of the bond and the name of the surety on the
7 bond.

8 (5) The residence or physical location of the protected
9 person.

10 (6) The general physical and mental condition of the
11 protected person.

12 (7) Such other information as shall be necessary to show the
13 condition of the affairs of the conservatorship.

14 b. Tier II: A conservator assigned a tier II
15 conservatorship shall file an with the court a verified initial
16 financial management plan for protecting, managing, investing,
17 expending, and distributing the assets of the conservatorship
18 estate within ninety days after appointment which shall not be
19 waived by the court. The plan must be based on the needs of
20 the protected person and take into account the best interest
21 of the protected person as well as the protected person's
22 preference, values, and prior directions to the extent known
23 to, or reasonably ascertainable by, the conservator.

24 ~~a. c. The initial plan shall include all of the following:~~
25 The initial financial management plan required pursuant
26 to paragraph "b" shall state the protected person's age,
27 residence, living arrangements, and sources of payment for
28 living expenses.

29 ~~(1) A budget containing projected expenses and resources,~~
30 ~~including an estimate of the total amount of fees the~~
31 ~~conservator anticipates charging per year and a statement or~~
32 ~~list of the amount the conservator proposes to charge for each~~
33 ~~service the conservator anticipates providing to the protected~~
34 ~~person.~~

35 ~~(2) A statement as to how the conservator will involve~~

1 ~~the protected person in decisions about management of the~~
2 ~~conservatorship estate.~~

3 ~~(3) If ordered by the court, any step the conservator plans~~
4 ~~to take to develop or restore the ability of the protected~~
5 ~~person to manage the conservatorship estate.~~

6 ~~(4) An estimate of the duration of the conservatorship.~~

7 d. If applicable, the protected person's will shall be filed
8 with the court clerk and the protected person's prepaid burial
9 trust and powers of attorney shall be described.

10 ~~b. e. Within two days after filing the initial plan,~~
11 ~~the The conservator shall give provide notice of the filing~~
12 ~~of the initial plan with required pursuant to paragraph "b"~~
13 ~~and a copy of the initial plan to the protected person, the~~
14 ~~protected person's attorney, if any, and court visitor, if any,~~
15 ~~and others as directed by the court. The notice must state~~
16 ~~that any person entitled to a copy of the plan must file any~~
17 ~~objections to the plan not later than fifteen days after it is~~
18 ~~filed twenty days from the date of mailing notice of filing the~~
19 initial plan.

20 ~~e. f. At least twenty days after the initial plan required~~
21 ~~pursuant to paragraph "b" has been filed, the court shall review~~
22 ~~and determine whether the plan should be approved or revised,~~
23 ~~after considering objections filed and whether the plan is~~
24 ~~consistent with the conservator's powers and duties.~~

25 ~~d. g. After approval of the initial plan required pursuant~~
26 ~~to paragraph "b" by the court, the conservator shall provide a~~
27 ~~copy of the approved plan and order approving the plan to the~~
28 ~~protected person, the protected person's attorney, if any, and~~
29 ~~court visitor, if any, and others as directed by the court.~~

30 ~~e. h. The conservator assigned to a tier II conservatorship~~
31 ~~shall file an amended plan when there has been a significant~~
32 ~~change in circumstances or the conservator seeks to deviate~~
33 ~~significantly from the plan. Before the amended plan is~~
34 ~~implemented, the provisions for court approval of the plan~~
35 ~~shall be followed as provided in paragraphs "b", "c", and "d"~~

1 the initial financial management plan.

2 2. ~~A conservator shall file an inventory of the protected~~
3 ~~person's assets within ninety days after appointment which~~
4 ~~includes an oath or affirmation that the inventory is believed~~
5 ~~to be complete and accurate as far as information permits.~~
6 ~~Copies of the inventory shall be provided to the protected~~
7 ~~person, the protected person's attorney and court visitor, if~~
8 ~~any, and others as directed by the court. When the conservator~~
9 ~~receives additional property of the protected person, or~~
10 ~~becomes aware of its existence, a description of the property~~
11 ~~shall be included in the conservator's next annual report. A~~
12 conservator assigned to a tier II conservatorship shall attach
13 to the initial financial management plan an inventory of the
14 protected person's assets and debts, which includes an oath or
15 affirmation that the inventory is believed to be complete and
16 accurate as far as information permits. The conservator shall
17 provide copies of the inventory to the protected person, the
18 protected person's attorney, if any, and the court visitor, if
19 any, and others as directed by the court. Any objections to
20 the inventory shall be filed in the same manner and according
21 to the same schedule as objections to the initial financial
22 management plan. The court shall review the inventory and
23 determine whether the inventory should be approved at the same
24 time as the court reviews the initial financial management
25 plan. When the conservator receives an additional asset of the
26 protected person or becomes aware of its existence, or becomes
27 aware of additional debt of the protected person, a description
28 of the asset or debt shall be included in the conservator's
29 next annual report.

30 3. a. A conservator assigned to a tier II conservatorship
31 shall file a written and verified report on an annual basis
32 for the period since the end of the preceding report period.
33 ~~The court which shall not waive these reports be waived by the~~
34 court.

35 a. b. ~~These reports shall include all of the following:~~

1 The annual report required by this paragraph shall state
2 the age, the residence, and the living arrangements of the
3 protected person, and sources of payment for the protected
4 person's living expenses during the reporting period.

5 ~~(1) Balance of funds on hand at the beginning and end of the~~
6 ~~period.~~

7 ~~(2) Disbursements made.~~

8 ~~(3) Changes in the conservator's plan.~~

9 ~~(4) List of assets as of the end of the period.~~

10 ~~(5) Bond amount and surety's name.~~

11 ~~(6) Residence and physical location of the protected~~
12 ~~person.~~

13 ~~(7) General physical and mental condition of the protected~~
14 ~~person.~~

15 ~~(8) Other information reflecting the condition of the~~
16 ~~conservatorship estate.~~

17 ~~b. c.~~ These reports shall be filed: The conservator shall
18 submit with the annual report required by this paragraph an
19 inventory of the assets of the protected person as of the last
20 day of the reporting period the total value of assets at the
21 beginning and end of the reporting period.

22 ~~(1) On an annual basis within sixty days of the end of the~~
23 ~~reporting period unless the court orders an extension for good~~
24 ~~cause shown in accordance with the rules of probate procedure.~~

25 4. The conservator assigned a tier I or II conservatorship
26 shall file a verified final report with the court as follows:

27 ~~(2) a.~~ Within thirty days following removal of the
28 conservator.

29 ~~(3) b.~~ Upon the conservator's filing of a resignation and
30 before the resignation is accepted by the court.

31 ~~(4) c.~~ Within sixty days following the termination of the
32 conservatorship.

33 ~~(5) d.~~ At other times as ordered by the court.

34 ~~e. 5.~~ Reports required by this section shall be served on
35 The conservator shall provide a copy of the initial financial

1 management plan, if applicable, the inventory of the protected
2 person's assets, if applicable, and the annual report to the
3 protected person, the protected person's attorney, if any, and
4 court visitor, if any, and the veterans administration if the
5 protected person is receiving veterans' benefits.

6 6. The court, for good cause, may extend the deadline for
7 filing required reports. Required reports of a conservator
8 which are not timely filed and which are delinquent, and for
9 which no extension for filing has been granted by the court,
10 shall be administered as provided in section 633.32.

11 7. Reports of conservators shall be reviewed and approved by
12 a district court judge or referee.

13 Sec. 36. Section 633.675, subsections 2, 3, and 5, Code
14 2022, are amended to read as follows:

15 2. The court shall terminate a guardianship for an adult if
16 ~~it the court finds by clear and convincing evidence~~ that the
17 basis for appointing a guardian pursuant to [section 633.552](#) has
18 not been established.

19 3. The court shall terminate a conservatorship if the court
20 finds ~~by clear and convincing evidence~~ that the basis for
21 appointing a conservator pursuant to [section 633.553](#) or [633.554](#)
22 is not satisfied.

23 5. The standard of proof and the burden of proof to be
24 applied in a termination proceeding to terminate a guardianship
25 or conservatorship for an adult shall be the same as set forth
26 in [section 633.551, subsection 2.](#)

27 DIVISION III

28 CONFORMING CHANGES

29 Sec. 37. Section 633.3, subsections 9, 17, 22, and 23, Code
30 2022, are amended to read as follows:

31 9. *Conservator* — means a person appointed by the court
32 to have the custody and control of the property of a ~~ward~~
33 protected person under the provisions of this probate code.

34 17. *Estate* — the real and personal property of either a
35 decedent or a ~~ward~~ protected person, and may also refer to the

1 real and personal property of a trust described in section
2 633.10.

3 22. *Guardian* — means the person appointed by the court to
4 have the custody of the person of the ward protected person
5 under the provisions of this probate code.

6 23. *Guardian of the property* — at the election of the
7 person appointed by the court to have the custody and care of
8 the property of a ward protected person, the term “*guardian of*
9 *the property*” may be used, which term shall be synonymous with
10 the term “*conservator*”.

11 Sec. 38. Section 633.78, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
12 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

13 A fiduciary under [this chapter](#) may present a written request
14 to any person for the purpose of obtaining property owned by
15 a decedent or by a ward protected person of a conservatorship
16 for which the fiduciary has been appointed, or property to
17 which a decedent or ward protected person is entitled, or
18 for information about such property needed to perform the
19 fiduciary’s duties. The request must contain statements
20 confirming all of the following:

21 Sec. 39. Section 633.78, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
22 2022, is amended to read as follows:

23 *b.* The request has been signed by all fiduciaries acting on
24 behalf of the decedent or ward protected person.

25 Sec. 40. Section 633.78, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code
26 2022, is amended to read as follows:

27 *a.* Damages sustained by the decedent’s or ward’s protected
28 person’s estate.

29 Sec. 41. Section 633.80, Code 2022, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 **633.80 Fiduciary of a fiduciary.**

32 A fiduciary has no authority to act in a matter wherein the
33 fiduciary’s decedent or ward protected person was merely a
34 fiduciary, except that the fiduciary shall file a report and
35 accounting on behalf of the decedent or ward protected person

1 in said matter.

2 Sec. 42. Section 633.93, Code 2022, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 **633.93 Limitation on actions affecting deeds.**

5 No action for recovery of any real estate sold by any
6 fiduciary can be maintained by any person claiming under the
7 deceased, the ward protected person, or a beneficiary, unless
8 brought within five years after the date of the recording of
9 the conveyance.

10 Sec. 43. Section 633.112, Code 2022, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 **633.112 Discovery of property.**

13 The court may require any person suspected of having
14 possession of any property, including records and documents,
15 of the decedent, ward protected person, or the estate, or of
16 having had such property under the person's control, to appear
17 and submit to an examination under oath touching such matters,
18 and if on such examination it appears that the person has the
19 wrongful possession of any such property, the court may order
20 the delivery thereof to the fiduciary. Such a person shall be
21 liable to the estate for all damages caused by the person's
22 acts.

23 Sec. 44. Section 633.123, subsection 1, paragraph b,
24 subparagraph (3), Code 2022, is amended to read as follows:

25 (3) The needs and rights of the beneficiaries or the ward
26 protected person.

27 Sec. 45. Section 633.580, subsections 1 and 4, Code 2022,
28 are amended to read as follows:

29 1. The name, age, and last known post office address of the
30 proposed ward protected person.

31 4. A general description of the property of the proposed
32 ward protected person within this state and of the proposed
33 ward's protected person's right to receive property; also, the
34 estimated present value of the real estate, the estimated value
35 of the personal property, and the estimated gross annual income

1 of the estate. If any money is payable, or to become payable,
2 to the proposed ward protected person by the United States
3 through the United States department of veterans affairs, the
4 petition shall so state.

5 Sec. 46. Section 633.591A, Code 2022, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **633.591A Voluntary petition for appointment of conservator**
8 **for a minor — standby basis.**

9 A person having physical and legal custody of a minor
10 may execute a verified petition for the appointment of a
11 standby conservator of the proposed ward's protected person's
12 property, upon the express condition that the petition shall
13 be acted upon by the court only upon the occurrence of an event
14 specified or the existence of a described condition of the
15 mental or physical health of the petitioner, the occurrence
16 of which event, or the existence of which condition, shall be
17 established in the manner directed in the petition.

18 Sec. 47. Section 633.603, Code 2022, is amended to read as
19 follows:

20 **633.603 Appointment of foreign conservators.**

21 When there is no conservatorship, nor any application
22 therefor pending, in this state, the duly qualified foreign
23 conservator or guardian of a nonresident ward protected
24 person may, upon application, be appointed conservator of the
25 property of such person in this state; provided that a resident
26 conservator is appointed to serve with the foreign conservator;
27 and provided further, that for good cause shown, the court
28 may appoint the foreign conservator to act alone without the
29 appointment of a resident conservator.

30 Sec. 48. Section 633.604, Code 2022, is amended to read as
31 follows:

32 **633.604 Application.**

33 The application for appointment of a foreign conservator
34 or guardian as conservator in this state shall include the
35 name and address of the nonresident ward protected person, and

1 of the nonresident conservator or guardian, and the name and
2 address of the resident conservator to be appointed. It shall
3 be accompanied by a certified copy of the original letters
4 or other authority conferring the power upon the foreign
5 conservator or guardian to act as such. The application
6 shall also state the cause for the appointment of the foreign
7 conservator to act as sole conservator, if such be the case.

8 Sec. 49. Section 633.605, Code 2022, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 **633.605 Personal property.**

11 A foreign conservator or guardian of a nonresident may
12 be authorized by the court of the county wherein such ~~ward~~
13 protected person has personal property to receive the same upon
14 compliance with the provisions of [sections 633.606, 633.607](#) and
15 633.608.

16 Sec. 50. Section 633.607, Code 2022, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 **633.607 Order for delivery.**

19 Upon the filing of the bond as above provided, and the court
20 being satisfied with the amount thereof, it shall order the
21 personal property of the ~~ward~~ protected person delivered to
22 such conservator or guardian.

23 Sec. 51. Section 633.633, Code 2022, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **633.633 Provisions applicable to all fiduciaries shall**
26 **govern.**

27 The provisions of this probate code applicable to all
28 fiduciaries shall govern the appointment, qualification, oath
29 and bond of guardians and conservators, except that a guardian
30 shall not be required to give bond unless the court, for good
31 cause, finds that the best interests of the ~~ward~~ protected
32 person require a bond. The court shall then fix the terms and
33 conditions of such bond.

34 Sec. 52. Section 633.633B, Code 2022, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 **633.633B Tort liability of guardians and conservators.**

2 The fact that a person is a guardian or conservator shall not
3 in itself make the person personally liable for damages for the
4 acts of the ward protected person.

5 Sec. 53. Section 633.636, Code 2022, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **633.636 Effect of appointment of guardian or conservator.**

8 The appointment of a guardian or conservator shall not
9 constitute an adjudication that the ward protected person is of
10 unsound mind.

11 Sec. 54. Section 633.637, Code 2022, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **633.637 Powers of ward protected person.**

14 1. A ward protected person for whom a conservator has been
15 appointed shall not have the power to convey, encumber, or
16 dispose of property in any manner, other than by will if the
17 ward protected person possesses the requisite testamentary
18 capacity, unless the court determines that the ward protected
19 person has a limited ability to handle the ward's protected
20 person's own funds. If the court makes such a finding, the
21 court shall specify to what extent the ward protected person
22 may possess and use the ward's protected person's own funds.

23 2. Any modification of the powers of the ward protected
24 person that would be more restrictive of the ward's protected
25 person's control over the ward's protected person's financial
26 affairs shall be based upon clear and convincing evidence
27 and the burden of persuasion is on the conservator. Any
28 modification that would be less restrictive of the ward's
29 protected person's control over the ward's protected person's
30 financial affairs shall be based upon proof in accordance with
31 the requirements of [section 633.675](#).

32 Sec. 55. Section 633.637A, Code 2022, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 **633.637A Rights of ward protected person under guardianship.**

35 An adult ward protected person under a guardianship has the

1 right of communication, visitation, or interaction with other
2 persons upon the consent of the adult ward protected person,
3 subject to [section 633.635, subsection 2](#), paragraph "i", and
4 [section 633.635, subsection 3](#), paragraph "c". If an adult ward
5 protected person is unable to give express consent to such
6 communication, visitation, or interaction with a person due
7 to a physical or mental condition, consent of an adult ward
8 protected person may be presumed by a guardian or a court based
9 on an adult ward's protected person's prior relationship with
10 such person.

11 Sec. 56. Section 633.638, Code 2022, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **633.638 Presumption of fraud.**

14 If a conservator be appointed, all contracts, transfers and
15 gifts made by the ward protected person after the filing of the
16 petition shall be presumed to be a fraud against the rights
17 and interest of the ward protected person except as otherwise
18 directed by the court pursuant to [section 633.637](#).

19 Sec. 57. Section 633.639, Code 2022, is amended to read as
20 follows:

21 **633.639 Title to ward's protected person's property.**

22 The title to all property of the ward protected person is
23 in the ward protected person and not the conservator subject,
24 however, to the possession of the conservator and to the
25 control of the court for the purposes of administration,
26 sale or other disposition, under the provisions of the
27 law. Any real property titled at any time in the name of a
28 conservatorship shall be deemed to be titled in the ward's
29 protected person's name subject to the conservator's right of
30 possession.

31 Sec. 58. Section 633.640, Code 2022, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 **633.640 Conservator's right to possession.**

34 Every conservator shall have a right to, and shall take,
35 possession of all of the real and personal property of the

1 ~~ward~~ protected person. The conservator shall pay the taxes
2 and collect the income therefrom until the conservatorship is
3 terminated. The conservator may maintain an action for the
4 possession of the property, and to determine the title to the
5 same.

6 Sec. 59. Section 633.643, Code 2022, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **633.643 Disposal of will by conservator.**

9 When an instrument purporting to be the will of the ~~ward~~
10 protected person comes into the hands of a conservator, the
11 conservator shall immediately deliver it to the court.

12 Sec. 60. Section 633.644, Code 2022, is amended to read as
13 follows:

14 **633.644 Court order to preserve testamentary intent of ~~ward~~**
15 **protected person.**

16 Upon receiving an instrument purporting to be the will of a
17 living ~~ward~~ protected person under the provisions of section
18 633.643, the court may open said will and read it. The court
19 with or without notice, as it may determine, may enter such
20 orders in the conservatorship as it deems advisable for the
21 proper administration of the conservatorship in light of the
22 expressed testamentary intent of the ~~ward~~ protected person.

23 Sec. 61. Section 633.645, Code 2022, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 **633.645 Court to deliver will to clerk.**

26 An instrument purporting to be the will of a ~~ward~~ protected
27 person coming into the hands of the court under the provisions
28 of [section 633.643](#), shall thereafter be resealed by the court
29 and be deposited with the clerk to be held by said clerk as
30 provided in [sections 633.286 through 633.289](#).

31 Sec. 62. Section 633.653A, Code 2022, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 **633.653A Claims for cost of medical care or services.**

34 The provision of medical care or services to a ~~ward~~ protected
35 person who is a recipient of medical assistance under chapter

1 249A creates a claim against the conservatorship for the amount
2 owed to the provider under the medical assistance program for
3 the care or services. The amount of the claim, after being
4 allowed or established as provided in this part, shall be paid
5 by the conservator from the assets of the conservatorship.

6 Sec. 63. Section 633.654, Code 2022, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **633.654 Form and verification of claims — general**
9 **requirements.**

10 No claim shall be allowed against the estate of a ward
11 protected person upon application of the claimant unless
12 it shall be in writing, filed in duplicate with the clerk,
13 stating the claimant's name and address, and describing the
14 nature and the amount thereof, if ascertainable. It shall be
15 accompanied by the affidavit of the claimant, or of someone for
16 the claimant, that the amount is justly due, or if not due,
17 when it will or may become due, that no payments have been
18 made thereon which are not credited, and that there are no
19 offsets to the same, to the knowledge of the affiant, except as
20 therein stated. The duplicate of said claim shall be mailed
21 by the clerk to the conservator or the conservator's attorney
22 of record; however, valid contract claims arising in the
23 ordinary course of the conduct of the business or affairs of
24 the ward protected person by the conservator may be paid by the
25 conservator without requiring affidavit or filing.

26 Sec. 64. Section 633.656, Code 2022, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 **633.656 How claim entitled.**

29 All claims filed against the estate of the ward protected
30 person shall be entitled in the name of the claimant against
31 the conservator as such, naming the conservator, and in all
32 further proceedings thereon, this title shall be preserved.

33 Sec. 65. Section 633.660, Code 2022, is amended to read as
34 follows:

35 **633.660 Execution and levy prohibited.**

1 No execution shall issue upon, nor shall any levy be made
2 against, any property of the estate of a ward protected person
3 under any judgment against the ward protected person or a
4 conservator, but the provisions of [this section](#) shall not be so
5 construed as to prevent the enforcement of a mortgage, pledge,
6 or other lien upon property in an appropriate proceeding.

7 Sec. 66. Section 633.661, Code 2022, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 **633.661 Claims of conservators.**

10 If the conservator is a creditor of the ward, the conservator
11 shall file the claim as other creditors, and the court shall
12 appoint some competent person as temporary conservator to
13 represent the ward protected person at the hearing on the
14 conservator's claim. The same procedure shall be followed in
15 the case of coconservators where all such conservators are
16 creditors of the ward protected person; but if one of the
17 coconservators is not a creditor of the ward protected person,
18 such disinterested conservator shall represent the ward at the
19 hearing on any claim against the ward protected person by a
20 coconservator.

21 Sec. 67. Section 633.662, Code 2022, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 **633.662 Claims not filed.**

24 The conservator may pay any valid claim against the estate of
25 the ward protected person even though such claim has not been
26 filed, but all such payments made by the conservator shall be
27 at the conservator's own peril.

28 Sec. 68. Section 633.664, Code 2022, is amended to read as
29 follows:

30 **633.664 Liens not affected by failure to file claim.**

31 Nothing in [sections 633.654](#) and [633.658](#) shall affect or
32 prevent an action or proceeding to enforce any mortgage,
33 pledge, or other lien upon the property of the ward protected
34 person.

35 Sec. 69. Section 633.665, Code 2022, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 **633.665 Separate actions and claims.**

3 1. Any action pending against the ward protected person at
4 the time the conservator is appointed shall also be considered
5 a claim filed in the conservatorship if notice of substitution
6 is served on the conservator as defendant and a duplicate of
7 the proof of service of notice of such proceeding is filed in
8 the conservatorship proceeding.

9 2. A separate action based on a debt or other liability
10 of the ward protected person may be commenced against the
11 conservator in lieu of filing a claim in the conservatorship.
12 Such an action shall be commenced by serving an original notice
13 on the conservator and filing a duplicate of the proof of
14 service of notice of such proceeding in the conservatorship
15 proceeding. Such an action shall also be considered a claim
16 filed in the conservatorship. Such an action may be commenced
17 only in a county where the venue would have been proper if
18 there were no conservatorship and the action had been commenced
19 against the ward protected person.

20 Sec. 70. Section 633.667, Code 2022, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 **633.667 Payment of claims in insolvent conservatorships.**

23 When it appears that the assets in a conservatorship are
24 insufficient to pay in full all the claims against such
25 conservatorship, the conservator shall report such matter to
26 the court, and the court shall, upon hearing, with notice to
27 all persons who have filed claims in the conservatorship, make
28 an order for the pro rata payment of claims giving claimants
29 the same priority, if any, as they would have if the ward
30 protected person were not under conservatorship.

31 Sec. 71. Section 633.668, Code 2022, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 **633.668 Conservator may make gifts.**

34 For good cause shown and under order of court, a conservator
35 may make gifts on behalf of the ward protected person out of

1 the assets under a conservatorship to persons or religious,
2 educational, scientific, charitable, or other nonprofit
3 organizations to whom or to which such gifts were regularly
4 made prior to the commencement of the conservatorship, or on
5 a showing to the court that such gifts would benefit the ward
6 protected person or the ward's protected person's estate from
7 the standpoint of income, gift, estate or inheritance taxes.
8 The making of gifts out of the assets must not foreseeably
9 impair the ability to provide adequately for the best interests
10 of the ward protected person.

11 Sec. 72. Section 633.673, Code 2022, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 **633.673 Court costs in guardianships.**

14 The ward protected person or the ward's protected person's
15 estate shall be charged with the court costs of a ward's
16 guardianship, including the guardian's fees and the fees of the
17 attorney for the guardian. The court may, upon application,
18 enter an order waiving payment of the court costs in indigent
19 cases. However, if the ward protected person or ward's
20 protected person's estate becomes financially capable of paying
21 any waived costs, the costs shall be paid immediately.

22 Sec. 73. Section 633.676, Code 2022, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 **633.676 Assets exhausted.**

25 At any time that the assets of the ward's protected person's
26 estate do not exceed the amount of the charges and claims
27 against it, the court may direct the conservator to proceed to
28 terminate the conservatorship.

29 Sec. 74. Section 633.677, Code 2022, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 **633.677 Accounting to ward protected person — notice.**

32 Upon the termination of a conservatorship, the conservator
33 shall pay the costs of administration and shall render a full
34 and complete accounting to the ward protected person or the
35 ward's protected person's personal representative and to the

1 court. Notice of the final report of a conservator shall be
2 served on the ~~ward~~ protected person or the ~~ward's~~ protected
3 person's personal representative, in accordance with section
4 633.40, unless notice is waived. An order prescribing notice
5 may be made before or after the filing of the final report.

6 Sec. 75. Section 633.682, Code 2022, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **633.682 Discharge of conservator and release of bond.**

9 Upon settlement of the final accounting of a conservator,
10 and upon determining that the property of the ~~ward~~ protected
11 person has been delivered to the person or persons lawfully
12 entitled thereto, the court shall discharge the conservator and
13 exonerate the surety on the conservator's bond.>